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THIRD WORLD POLICIES BY AREA

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1. FRG POLICY-LEVEL OFFICIALS HAVE FREQUENTLY
EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN SHARING VIEWS WITH THE US
ON EVOLVING ISSUES REGARDING VARIOUS REGIONS OF THE
THIRD WORLD. THEY BELIEVE IT WOULD BE OF MUTUAL VALUE
TO EXCHANGE ASSESSMENTS OF CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS, OF
THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL OUTLOOK FOR THE MORE
IMPORTANT LDCS, TO REVIEW MAJOR INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS
BEING UNDERTAKEN OR PLANNED BY US AND FRG FIRMS, TO
DISCUSS THE INVESTMENT CLIMATE, ACCESS TO RAW MATERIAL
SUPPLIES, AID POLICY, OR OTHER MATTERS OF CURRENT
INTEREST. SUCH EXCHANGES WOULD FOCUS ON ISSUES IN
THE EARLY STAGES OF POLICY FORMULATION RATHER THAN
THOSE ALREADY BEING ACTIVELY CONSIDERED IN OTHER FORA.

2. FROM 1965 TO 1971, THE US AND FRG HAD FREQUENT
REGIONALLY-ORIENTED CONSULTATIONS AT THE ASSISTANT
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SECRETARY-LEVEL TO COORDINATE POLICIES ON A BROAD
RANGE OF ISSUES. TO THE BEST OF OUR RECOLLECTIONS,
A KEY FACTOR IN THESE CONSULTATIONS WAS THE VISIT
SEVERAL TIMES A YEAR BY AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY FROM
ONE OF THE REGIONAL BUREAUS (EXCLUDING EUR), ACCOMPANIED
BY SEVERAL EXPERTS ON US AID, ECONOMIC AND FOREIGN
POLICY, WITH MAJOR EMPHASIS ON THE DEVELOPING WORLD.

DISCUSSIONS IN BONN GENERALLY LASTED SEVERAL DAYS. SINCE THE VISITS ROTATED AMONG BUREAUS, THESE PROCEDURES PROVIDED FOR SCHEDULED, IN DEPTH DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN US AND FRG COUNTERPARTS FROM EACH GEOGRAPHICAL AREA AT LEAST ONCE EVERY TWO YEARS.

3. CONSULTATIONS STILL TAKE PLACE, OF COURSE, BUT ON AN AD HOC BASIS. FOR EXAMPLE, THE AA/AFR HAVEN NORTH WAS IN BONN TO DISCUSS THE CLUB DES AMIS DU SAHEL EARLIER THIS YEAR (REFS A AND B). HE TOOK TIME TO DISCUSS, IN A GENERAL WAY, THE COORDINATION OF US AND FRG AID POLICY FOR AFRICA. RECENTLY, WHEN ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFLELE WAS IN BONN TO NEGOTIATE THE RESUMPTION OF RELATIONS WITH CONGO (B), HE ALSO TOOK TIME TO MEET WITH THE FOREIGN OFFICE TO DISCUSS AFRICAN AFFAIRS. (REF C; SCHAUFLELE UNDERTOOK TO RECOMMEND TO HIS SUCCESSOR THAT MORE FREQUENT BILATERAL TALKS BE SCHEDULED.)

4. ON MOST OCCASIONS, HOWEVER, WE CONSULT WITH GERMAN OFFICIALS ONLY WHEN WE WANT THEIR SUPPORT FOR A PARTICULAR PROGRAM WE WISH TO UNDERTAKE. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES US INTERESTS WOULD BE BETTER SERVED BY MORE REGULARIZED CONTACT. IN THIS WAY, US POLICYMAKERS WOULD NOT ONLY HAVE A BETTER IDEA OF GERMAN INTENTIONS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, BUT A VERY USEFUL FOUNDATION WOULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALSO BE ESTABLISHED FOR LATER APPROACHES TO THE FRG TO SOLICIT COOPERATIVE ACTION. A FIRM FOUNDATION OF REGULAR, PERIODIC CONSULTATIONS WOULD CREATE A MORE CONSIDERED, AND PROBABLY MORE POSITIVE, GERMAN RESPONSE TO US APPROACHES, SINCE BOTH SIDES WOULD HAVE A WELL INFORMED IDEA OF WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE OTHER.

6. AN ADDITIONAL, AND VERY IMPORTANT FACTOR IS THAT THE FOCUS AND EMPHASIS OF OUR MUTUAL INTERESTS HAVE CHANGED FROM THE TIME OF THOSE EARLIER CONSULTATION ARRANGEMENTS. THE GROWING IMPORTANCE OF NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES IN OUR INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM IS AN IMPERATIVE WHICH DEMANDS A COOPERATIVE RESPONSE. THE ROLE THE FRG MUST ASSUME IN FRAMING THIS RESPONSE IS OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE.

7. EMBASSY BELIEVES DEPT SHOULD CONSIDER REESTABLISHING A SYSTEM OF REGULAR CONSULTATIONS PATTERNED ON THE EARLIER ARRANGEMENTS, WITH SUCH CHANGES IN LEVEL AND CONTENT AS THE ALTERED CIRCUMSTANCES DEMAND.
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